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SOVIETS TAKE 9 BIG TOWNS IN DON

Giraud Named Temporary French Chief in Africa

Servicemen Get Christmas Key to City

By Louise Mitchell

United Nations soldiers and sailors took over the town yesterday painting it red, white and blue in celebration of good-will to all anti-fascist men.

It was "Merry Christmas to you all and to hell with Hitler," as millions of New Yorkers joined the fighters in solid, sober rounds of festivity.

Immaculately uniformed, the pride of our democracy—the men in blue and khaki—received the warmest welcome on the house and free passage to the city's best.

7,000 JAM FUN FEST

Grand Central had nothing on the New York City Defense Recreation Center on Park Ave. and 49th St., where 7,000 service men jammed the four-story building in search of fun.

No member of the armed forces went without plenty of eats, gifts and entertainment. The Committee saw to that.

Standing Room Only was recorded all day at the Center's buffet, the game rooms and on the theater and movie ticket lines.

Ten thousand meat tickets to the best hotels, restaurants and night clubs were distributed free. Every first-run theatre and movie house and parades were flooded with America's finest.

GET THOUSANDS OF GIFTS

Adding to the gayety of Christmas day were the huge "grab bags" at the Center for the men donated by business concerns, school children, women's clubs and private citizens. The men who received the practical gifts were pleased with their new shaving sets, socks, handkerchiefs, games writing kits, tobacco and other essentials.

"I'm gonna need this shaving kit," a soldier told his buddy waiting on line. "I'm gonna do some mighty travelin' soon."

The men stood on line patiently waiting for tickets in the over-crowded recreation room traditionally decorated. Many sat in spacious couches reading newspapers and magazines. Goodlooking hostesses did their bit to make the Center feel like home.

RWR DANCE TICKETS

One of the most popular requests was tickets for the Russian War Relief dance at Hotel Astor last night.

Twenty-five canteens operating in the city in addition to two managed by the United Seamen's Service were jammed with men night and day.

Activities planned for the entire week included dances at Savoy Plaza, Murray Hill and Great Northern Hotels. The Center's bulletin board was crammed with entertainment announcements.

Jack Benny has invited one thousand and soldiers to attend his Sunday night broadcast.

A soldier's uniform is the open sesame to countless festivities planned for the entire week. Nothing is too good for our soldiers as the city's holiday slogan.

WLB Okays Raise in Packard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The War Labor Board yesterday issued wage increases to about 21,000 employees of the Packard Motor Car Co. The Board approved a general raise of four cents an hour retroactive June 1 for the hourly rate workers and other raises in the remaining classifications.

At the same time, the Board approved a 15 per cent wage increase to 7,500 Briggs Manufacturing Co. employees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UPI).—The War Labor Board today unanimously approved payment of bonuses to 10,000 employees of the Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit, in lieu of vacations. Vacation allowances of \$45 will be paid workers with from one to five years' seniority, and \$40 to those with five or more years.

The OWI Ought to Know Better --- Franco Is NOT 'Neutral'

By Jack Strong

(Mr. Strong is a writer who is intimately acquainted with the Spanish scene.—Editor's Note.)

Francisco Franco is making every preparation to bring Spain into the war whenever Hitler desires it, it was learned through a report of a Falangist official just arriving in a nearby Latin American country.

This is in direct contradiction to the assurances which Elmer Davis, chief of the Office of War Information, gave last Wednesday when he declared at a press conference that "there is every reason to believe" Spain and Portugal would remain neutral in the war.

It's a shame to bring the matter up the day after Christmas.

But the evidence of the

OWI listening posts themselves, plus what the Falangist official told my informant go to show that Elmer Davis's assurances may prove to be very misleading.

It is hardly likely to influence General Franco.

But it may mislead the American people. It may in fact leave them as shocked by a Pearl Harbor in the Mediterranean as they were by the Pearl Harbor in Hawaii one year ago.

According to W. L. Shirer, in his "Propaganda Front" column, N. Y. Herald Tribune, Dec. 20th the Spanish radio broadcasts heard by OWI have featured increasingly "unfavorable references" to the United States and the United Nations.

In the first week of October, there were 27 such references. In the first week of November, thirty-four. In the first week of December, 54.

The Coruna radio for example, declared that "The Allied aim of bringing about freedom of religion means in Europe that the Jews will come back again, followed by misery, exploitation and crime....

"We are not interested," says this insulting broadcast,

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Good Will: Jewish Soldiers Do Bit

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Dec. 25.—Corp. Reuben Shulman, well-known in New York's East Side, is an ingenious fellow and the entire 8th General Hospital personnel is very happy that he is.

Everyone was dreading the assignment to kitchen police on Christmas Day of all days, so Corp. Shulman came through with an idea.

He rounded up 24 Jewish soldiers who volunteered to take over K.P. duty Christmas.

Poletti Backs Jewish Rally

Governor Charles Poletti has sent a special message to the Jewish Peoples Committee endorsing the mass protest rally to be held Monday, Dec. 28 at Carnegie Hall, the Committee announced yesterday.

"My sympathetic greetings to the Jewish Peoples Committee," the Governor stated, "on the occasion of your meeting on Monday to protest against Germany's bestial policy of mass slaughter of Jews."

The messages will be read in full to the thousands who will assemble at Carnegie Hall at 8:00 P. M. on Monday the 28th. At that time nationally known speakers will voice the protest not only of American Jews but of all Americans against the Hitler murders of Jews in Europe, and a memorial service to the thousands of victims will be led by Cantor David Puttermann.

Well-known personalities who will address the rally include Congressmen Emanuel Celler, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, Michael J. Quill, Bernard Harkavy, Ben Gold, Dr. Joshua Bloch, Max Perlow and Dave Green.

Special dramatic presentations will feature Morris Carnovsky, Broadway actor, and Dina Halpern, Yiddish star.

Tickets at 40 cents and 55 cents are available at the office of the Jewish People's Committee, 22 E. 17th St.; Bookshop, 50 E. 12th St.

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Helsinki Tortures Noted Anti-Fascist

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 25.—It has now been learned that Dr. Mauri Ryoma, chairman of the Finnish Society for Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union, was tortured inhumanely months ago by the fascist authorities of Finland.

He is called a "communist" by the Social Democrat, V. Tanner, who has come to terms with Finland's Hitlerites. Tanner calls everyone a "communist" who refused to come to terms as he did.

EXCLUSIVE who exposed the whole criminal gang from Baron Mannerheim and President Risto Ryti to Tanner himself.

Hundreds of Helsinki writers, artists and professionals—men like Karl H. Vilk, Yorio Raisanen, Mikko Ampula, Doctor Helo—are now labeled dangerous communists.

What has happened to many of these individuals is not yet known, but it is known that they and thousands of others have been arrested, confined in concentration camps, driven into forced labor, tortured in secret cells of the notorious Finnish police and the Gestapo.

WORKERS TORTURED

Arrested Finnish workers are first tortured in the rural prison at Turku, then transferred to the prison hospital in a prostrate condition. Prisoners "disappear" from the Finnish prisons, and only after months of inquiries do their relatives learn that they have "hanged themselves" in their cells.

In the concentration camps the prisoners simply starve. In the Riihimaki concentration camp, prisoners secretly gather grass, moss, frogs—anything to keep themselves alive. Prisoners at this camp are so emaciated that, when forced to labor at the nearby lumber camp,

they satisfy an insane bloodlust."

The answer of American workers and "all decent people everywhere," Murray said, "will be to renew a pledge of devotion to the cause of the United Nations."

"In the organized mass slaughter in Axis-held territories, we can see the future that is planned for our own country and our own people should Hitler win." He said, "we reaffirm our pledge of unity with workers and the plain people of all nations, in the common struggle for freedom and life itself."

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Allies Push 9 Miles to Tunis

LONDON, Dec. 25 (UPI)—A British and American advance guard, spearheaded by tanks and sweep nine miles to seize a strategic road northeast of Medjez-El-Bab in Tunisia, dispatches from Allied headquarters reported tonight.

LONDON, Dec. 25 (UPI)—Allied forces have smashed forward six miles from Medjez-El-Bab in Tunisia after beating back Axis attacks, an Allied communiqué announced tonight, and other reports said that despite bad weather the Allies were about ready to launch their all-out push.

Distinguishing the new action from the patrol activity of recent days, the communiqué said that Allied advance forces took up the new position northeast of Medjez-El-Bab.

Continued murky weather restricted air operations but one fighter patrol attacked enemy ground targets in the battle area and shot down one Axis bomber, the communiqué said.

Meanwhile, the British Eighth Army in Libya continued its pursuit of Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Corps westward of Sirta and contact with the pro-Allied French government of North Africa "most certainly" plans to cooperate with it not only to consolidate with the Fighting French followers of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

In an exclusive interview with the United Press, the tall, dignified soldier recited also that the French plan to send into battle for the Allies all French warships at Alexandria, Dakar or any other ports which are under or may come under allied control.

(Although Giraud was interviewed prior to the assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan, whom he succeeded temporarily as head of the French North African government, he was as commander of French forces under Darlan, in an authoritative position to discuss the government's plans.)

Giraud transmitted a message to America through the United Press saying that "France has the fullest confidence that America will provide us as quickly as possible with the most modern arms that she so desperately needs."

The War Labor Board now has before it recommendations favorable to the union adopted by a special WLB panel. A decision awarding the workers a wage increase, union maintenance and dues check off is expected soon.

Involved in the NLRB election campaign at Wilson's were PWOC representatives R. Martinez, Oscar Wilson, Miss Van Howe and Peter Brown, Negro PWOC leader, who had chosen the CIO union as their bargaining agent.

The vast majority of the major plants of the Big Four throughout the country are now organized under the banners of the CIO.

For the first time in the history

British, U. S. Agree on New Appointment

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, No. Africa, Dec. 25 (UPI)—Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, commander of French African army and air forces, today was given the task of maintaining order in French North and West Africa until a new High Commissioner is named to succeed Adm. Jean Francois Darlan, assassinated yesterday by an unidentified man about 20 years old.

American and British leaders conferred far into the night last night on possible problems arising from the death of Darlan, who less than two months ago was deputy chief of government of the pro-Axis Vichy regime. With French authorities they also continued to investigate the fatal shooting but there was no announcement of progress.

COUNCIL TO MEET

The "Imperial Council" established by Darlan Dec. 1 will meet tomorrow to discuss the political situation and name a new High Commissioner, although it was possible that Darlan's successor might be appointed before the meeting.

Darlan was killed by two shots from a 25 caliber weapon.

An announcement by Allied headquarters said Darlan, who was High Commissioner of French North and West Africa, was assassinated in his office at Algiers at 3 P.M. yesterday but that a preliminary investigation had not established the facts.

(British reports said the assassin was a 20-year-old Frenchman.)

The assassin who was "arrested on the spot" after he fired one bullet into Darlan's mouth and another into his lung, was waiting for the Admiral in a small room opposite his office. He opened fire with a .25 caliber revolver just as Darlan was crossing the corridor to his office.

Darlan stumbled and the assassin ran toward the Admiral's office, jumping over the latter's body. A French officer, commandant Fourcade, attempted to halt the murderer, but the young man fired two shots, one striking the officer in the leg.

By this time other French officers had arrived from other offices and they overpowered the assassin.

Also Recapture Key Caucasus Rail Town

MOSCOW, Saturday, Dec. 26 (UPI)—Soviet troops, in a resurgent drive southwest of Stalingrad, have beaten the Germans back 12½ to 15½ miles after crushing a fierce counter-offensive, the Red Army announced today in a special communiqué listing 18,000 Nazis killed and 7,500 captured.

Proclaiming the collapse of the supreme German effort to break the Soviet arc trapping 22 divisions in the Stalingrad area, the High Command said the Russians now had won over the Nazis and resumed their advance southwest of the Volga city.

At the same time the Soviets announced that the Red Army drove swiftly ahead on the middle Don front yesterday, capturing nearly a dozen big communities and seizing or killing 14,500 more German troops. The Nazi casualties in that area thus rose to 105,700 since Dec. 16, not including the wounded.

Still another Soviet offensive was bending back the

LONDON, Dec. 25 (UPI)—Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov announced in Moscow that the Soviet Army had entered the Ukraine and called upon Ukrainian patriots to intensify acts of sabotage, the Telegraph Exchange Agency reported today.

Molotov was quoted as saying that guerrillas in the Zhitomir district had killed 1,698 Germans.

German salient in the Central Caucasus. The special communiqué said Soviet forces had advanced between 15½ and 18 miles southeast of Nalchik in an onslaught which had slain more than 2,000 enemy troops since Tuesday.

KOTELNIKOVSKI BATTLE

For the first time the High Command revealed that the Germans, after massing six divisions north of Kotelnikovski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, launched a mighty assault on Dec. 12. Its aim was to break through the Red Army's iron wall and relieve the remainder of some 300,000 Nazis pocketed before Stalingrad.

In the first days of the savage fighting, German forces, including three tank divisions, "succeeded in pressing back Soviet troops and occupying a number of populated places."

"Active defense battles of the Soviet troops have worn out the enemy and they have passed over to the counter-offensive, throwing the enemy back southwestward between 12½ and 15½ miles," the special bulletin said.

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He Saw How Nazis Exterminate Jews

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—Just what Hitler's extermination of the Jews means is indicated by "Eyewitness S" in a recent issue of Pravda.

He told how men, women and children in the town of Bruisik, Byelorussia, were dragged out of bed, put on trucks and taken to a deep ditch dug near a settlement called Yelovki.

"Eyewitness S" pictured the horrible scene in these words:

"Forty to fifty people were lined up at the edge of the ditch in one

or two rows. A burst of Tommy gun bullets from the firing squad and the people dropped on to corpses that had been shot ten to 15 minutes earlier.

"Whole families were shot this way. Mothers with infants in their arms were pushed by the Germans to the edge of the ditch.

"The infants were wrested from their mothers' arms, bayoneted and then thrown into the ditch."

"As soon as the ditch was filled the officer who directed the orgy summoned a tank which trampled down the heap of human bodies like a steam roller."

Surprise on the Gnilaya

ALTHOUGH the latest Soviet communique reveals that the Red Army has opened a new offensive in the Nalchik sector of the North Caucasus, we still feel that the names of liberated Don Cossack villages as given in the same communique indicate that the Don operation remains the most important of them all.

The most revealing name in the lot is Skassyrskaya which was taken by Soviet troops on Thursday, along with Milutinskaya and Selivanovka.

These three points indicate that a third Soviet column is now operating, and has driven probably from Chernyshevskaya southward down the valley of the Gnilaya River to Skassyrskaya which is only some 35 miles due east of Kamensk. Furthermore, it is only a few miles from the railroad Stalingrad-Likhaya which may thus be cut here at any moment, creating a new pocket for the enemy between the Gnilaya and the Chir (in the area of which Soviet troops hold territory west of Surovokino). Potentially, this column, if strong enough, may cross the central Don railroad and move south in the direction of Kostaninovskaya on the Don, bypassing Kamensk, Zverev and Shchekty and cutting the corridor which the Germans still have between the Don and the Stalingrad-Likhaya railroad.

The Soviet offensive is progressing unabated. The tempo is fast which is really extraordinary under existing conditions. The number of prisoners taken indicates that the enemy morale is "spotty," at best.

However—don't let your enthusiasm run away with you. Stiff resistance on the Donets is to be expected.

Too little is yet known of the Nalchik offensive to form an opinion. It might be just a diversion to pin down German troops and prevent them from reinforcing the Don Front, or it might be a major attempt to liquidate the Mozdok salient of the enemy.

Soviet Plants In Step With The Offensive

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)
MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Make the guns and get 'em to the Red Army—that's the slogan of Soviet workers everywhere.

Mile after mile of railroad is being restored in the areas liberated by the Red Army, and trains follow up the new-laid roadway, bringing armaments and munitions.

Size of the job is indicated by the fact that thousands of station buildings were burned down, and the roadbeds were honeycombed with dugouts and shell craters. There was not a single unbroken rail or tie.

BEHIND DON DRIVE

It was this quick restoring of transportation plus the steady stream of munitions that made possible the Soviet offensive along the Don.

The Ilyich Toolmaking Plant in Moscow, for example, increased its production by 60 per cent in the last three months.

Claudia Kocheva, woman war-worker who exceeded her production plan by nearly 1,000 per cent, and Anna Bochkova, a fitter with an equally high record, were given the Order of Lenin.

Other Moscow plants which, like the Ilyich plant, have distinguished themselves are the Nekolinek Car Repair Works and the Uktionsk Agricultural Machinery Plant.

The November results of the All-Union socialist competition in industry have now been published, showing a close correlation between industrial progress in the Soviet rear and Red Army offensive operations at the front.

Commenting on these results, Pravda said they "brilliantly illustrate Stalin's words that Soviet industry is punctiliously supplying the Red Army with guns, mortars, planes, tanks, machine guns, rifles, planes and ammunition."

The paper points out that a year ago in November it was necessary to transfer a great deal of Soviet industry to the east, which meant that many plants had to cease production for a time.

Today that no longer exists. The transferred plants, Pravda says, are among the winners in the competition.

New U.S. Smash Hits Buna Foe

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Dec. 25 (UP)—American troops have launched a new attack in the Buna sector of New Guinea in an attempt to split the Japanese beach-head front dispatches reported tonight.

The drive was reported to have developed Thursday, when an American force at the northwestern end of the beach-head began a push eastward and then inland.

A headquarters spokesman said MacArthur's forces were now up against "the inner core of Japanese resistance"—a system of steel and concrete emplacements and barricades and earthworks reinforced with palm tree trunks.

30 U. S. Nurses Arrive At North Africa Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 24 (Delayed) (UP)—Thirty American nurses who will serve in a new 250-bed hospital for Allied troops arrived here today.

By a Veteran Commander

At Velikiye Luki and Rzhev large scale battles are going on; at this moment they play the role of holding operations which force the enemy to disperse his reserves. At the same time surrounded enemy garrisons are being gradually reduced.

Southwest of Stalingrad, i.e., in the sector where the enemy had regained the initiative for a while, Soviet troops are on the offensive again and the Germans are suffering large casualties and losing one defense center after another. However, it must be understood that at this time it is not in the interest of the Soviet Command to push the enemy out of the trap too quickly. It is quite sufficient to keep them engaged and stalled. The great decision is now impending not here, but about 175 miles to the west, on the lower reaches of the Donets River.

THE Allies have taken a row of heights overlooking Medjez-el-Bab in Tunisia, but this battle can still be only classified as minor engagement.

Further south the Free French are holding their ground in the area of Pont-du-Fass. However, all this does not mean that the road from Tripoli to Tunis has been barred to Rommel's troops. The road is still open. In general, it must be admitted that the Axis has been given many opportunities to prepare and strengthen the defense of Tunisia. General Anderson's failure at Tebourba made things incomparably tougher for the Allies.

General MacArthur's troops have cracked some of the Japanese defenses near Buna Mission, but the resistance of the enemy has not yet been liquidated.

There is important Allied aerial activity over Burma. General Irwin's Indian Army is reported 45 miles from Akyab. No battles have developed as yet and the enemy is conspicuous by his absence.

Nothing of importance on the other fronts.

Prelate of Russia Greets Americans

"Happy Christmas to you, brothers and Allies," says the greeting to the American people sent Christmas eve, by way of the New York Times, by Metropolitan Nikolai of Kiev and Galich.

Metropolitan Nikolai is the second ranking prelate of the Russian Orthodox Church, and

is one of ten members of a special commission appointed by the Soviet Government to investigate Nazi atrocities, his special task being to compile instances of vandalism committed on churches and cultural monuments.

"Our Moscow churches, renewed by their summer and autumn repairs, and resplendent in gilt and electric light, will, as always, throw open their doors wide to the religious at this festive season," the Metropolitan said, in his message.

EXCLUSIVE The appeal urges increased output of arms, opposition to all attempts at a negotiated peace, and better conditions for low-paid workers.

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Dutch Labor Leader Dies In Mexico

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—The funeral last week of Edo Fimmen, Dutch anti-fascist and leader of the International Transport Workers Federation, who died in Cuernavaca, Dec. 14, was the occasion for a solemn and great demonstration of international labor unity.

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FDR Praises Allied Armies In Greeting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—President Roosevelt's Christmas greeting to the soldiers of our Allies throughout the world praised them for fighting to "win the victory which will bring to the world peace, freedom and the advancement of human welfare."

The message, drawn up in accordance with a Congressional resolution, was sent through the appropriate American diplomatic missions.

"With a deep and abiding sense of gratitude," the message stated, in part, "the Congress of the United States has, by a joint resolution, asked me to transmit, on behalf of the people of the United States, to the armed forces and auxiliary service of our Allies on land, on sea, and in the air, best wishes and greetings of the season to them and their families and a fervent hope and prayer for a speedy and complete victory and a lasting peace."

SENT TO ALL ALLIES

The message was transmitted through diplomatic missions to the heads of the governments of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Poland, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia.

It was also sent to the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines; to the Emperor of Ethiopia; to the American Embassy at London for communication through Admiral Stark to the French National Committee, and to Robert D. Murphy, civil affairs officer on General Eisenhower's staff at Algiers, for communication to General Giraud, general commander-in-chief of the French forces in North Africa.

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OWI Reports on Negroes in Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Negroes are being inducted into the Army through selective service in the same proportion that Negro registrants bear to total registration, and Negro soldiers are now on active duty in most of the overseas theaters where other

stationed, the Office of War Information announced yesterday.

The OWI cited official records of the Bureau of Selective Service, War Manpower Commission, which reveal the following facts about Negroes in the armed services.

Although Negroes constituted 9.8 per cent of the total population in the last census, Negro selectees and volunteers constituted 10.1 per cent of all persons inducted into the army, through Selective Service, by Oct. 31, 1942.

In 9 out of 14 southern and border states, the percentage of Negroes inducted into the Army through selective service exceeded the percentage of Negroes registered in those states.

During the 1940-41 period, Negroes constituted 16.1 per cent of the total number of volunteers entering the Army through the selective service system.

WIDELY SCATTERED

OWI pointed out that there are Negro units in Great Britain, Ireland, North and West Africa (including Liberia), Australia, New Guinea, Hawaii, Alaska and the West Indies.

Rumors that Negroes were not being inducted into the Army in comparable percentages have been circulated in various sections of the country, OWI declared.

Bureau of Selective Service statistics reveal that in the southern states on Oct. 31, 1942, Negroes constituted 38.4 per cent of all selective service inductions in Louisiana, 34.5 per cent of all similar inductions in Florida, 34.2 per cent in Alabama, 27.8 per cent in North Carolina, 27.2 per cent in Virginia, 19.4 per cent in Texas, 19.1 in Maryland, 9.1 per cent in Kentucky and 7.2 per cent in West Virginia. In each of these states, the percentage of Negroes inducted exceeded the percentage of Negroes registered under selective service.

FILLED VOLUNTEER QUOTAS

In four states, the percentage of Negro inductions either equalled the percentage of Negro registrations or closely approximated the proportion. Negroes constituted 44.2 per cent of all selective service inductions in Mississippi, 34 per cent of all similar inductions in South Carolina, 32.5 per cent in Georgia, 21.3 per cent in Arkansas, and 19.5 per cent in Tennessee.

Discussing the high percentage of Negro volunteers during the year of selective service, the director of that agency declared in an official report to President Roosevelt:

"ARMY MEN were fed the meal of the year yesterday. They got fresh fruit cup, cream of celery soup, roast young turkey, dressing and giblet gravy, cranberry relish, celery, olives, mixed relish, radishes, potatoes, green beans and tomatoes, corn pudding, lettuce hearts, hot rolls, mines and pumpkin pie, ice cream and spice cake, fruit, nuts, hard candy and black coffee."

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Rationing: Public Accepts Board Rules

ONLY SIX persons have appealed to the state OPA office for increased fuel oil rations in the last two weeks. Citizens are accepting decisions of their local war price and rationing boards.

IF YOU OR your household isn't doing its share to win the war, get in touch with your "block plan," Mrs. Richard S. Bethell, New Jersey deputy state civilian director said yesterday.

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Soviet Fliers Take Heavy Toll of Nazis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—The latest decree of the Soviet Government conferring the title of Hero of the Soviet Union on a number of aces, indicates the role played by the Soviet Air Force during the first stages of the Soviet winter offensive. Data recently published on German losses in transport planes, which are daily increasing, especially in the Stalingrad area (258 planes in 8 days) prove the effectiveness of the Soviet Air Force in preventing the Luftwaffe from coming to the rescue of the trapped German land forces.

However, it would be incorrect to assume that the hammer blows of the Soviet Air Force are directed at the Luftwaffe alone. Soviet pilots are rendering valuable assistance to Soviet land forces, striking at the enemy on the battlefields and at the German reserves enroute to the front. Thus, according to incomplete data, during the past six days alone, from December 8th to 13th, Soviet airmen accounted for 115 tanks and 823 trucks, silenced 47 artillery batteries and destroyed 10 ammunition and fuel dumps.

Bethune Resigns College Post

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Dec. 25.—Dr. Mary McLeo Bethune, national director, Negro division, National Youth Administration and for 31 years president of Bethune-Cookman College, which she founded, resigned the latter position last week.

Dr. Bethune, 66 years old, born in a cotton picker's hut on a South Carolina plantation, holds honorary degrees from five colleges. She is president of the National Association of Colored Women and has won three awards for distinguished service to the Negro people.

The board of trustees of the college has named James A. Colston, 33-year-old director of Ballard Normal College, Macon, Ga., to succeed Dr. Bethune.

NOTICE to All Newsdealers

Effective Dec. 29th, 1942, the Daily Worker ceased the sale of its coupon books.

NO COUPONS
for the Daily Worker will be accepted (in place of cash).

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These Men Are Ready



Negro soldiers of the 372nd Infantry are shown during recent maneuvers near Pinehurst, N. J. Corp. Paul White and Sgt. Frank Tyler are shown operating the switchboard for field communications set up during the maneuvers.

Morey Plant in L.I. In Need of Planning

By Dorothy Loeb

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How Britain Solved Its Production Bottlenecks

Union Lockout

CIO COUNCIL ISSUES GUIDE ON WLB PROCEDURE POLICY

A 14-page handbook on War Labor Board procedure has just been issued by the Greater New York CIO Council for use by local affiliates.

The memorandum, prepared by Leo Bernstein of Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65, sets forth in brief Executive Orders under which wage stabilization regulations function and what unionists must do to make them work.

The handbook will be amended as fast as regulations change. It was no sooner off the mimeograph machine Tuesday than the WLB announced new authority for regional offices, with which unions deal. A supplementary bulletin is now being prepared.

UE TO OUST MAN LINKED TO NAZIS

Members of Local 1227, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, have authorized the union's officials to initiate ouster proceedings against Allan G. Keefer, a member whose arrest by the FBI disclosed he had dealings with important fascist figures.

Federal agents arrested Keefer for perjury charging that he lied to a Federal Grand Jury when he claimed he did not know the whereabouts of Edward J. Smythe, one of the native American fascists indicted for sedition.

Keefer, a member of Local 1227 by virtue of his employment at the Dictograph Sales Corp., received letters from Smythe and visited him at least once in Manhattan, according to P. E. Foxworth, assistant FBI chief.

Bruno Andrews, union shop steward at Dictograph, proposed the authorization of ouster proceedings. He told the 1227 membership that Keefer carried on anti-union, anti-Semitic and anti-war activities at the shop.

LOCAL 96 AWAIT BANK DECISION

A decision is being awaited this week from Max Meyer, War Labor Board referee, in the case of 900 Title and Trust Co. employees, members of Local 96, Bank and Brokerage Union. The union seeks a 20 per cent flat increase in pay and the establishment of minimum scales, holding that these are essential to maximum participation in the prosecution of the war.

UOPWA GIVES TO RED ARMY

The United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, has contributed \$1,000 from war relief funds to the American Jewish Congress toward the purchase of an ambulance unit for the Red Army.

This union's New York City locals are now raising an additional \$3,000 to make possible the purchase of two ambulances to be sent to the Soviet Union in the name of Meyer Brown, Local 19 member, killed while driving a Red Cross ambulance.

HOTELS TO PAY WEEKLY WAGES

The Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6, AFL, has succeeded

(This is the first of three articles on British production.)

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Officials of the British Supply Council here in Washington smile knowingly when they hear labor criticize phases of the American production program.

They heard the same story a long time ago, and they got practically the same suggestions and criticisms.

The British production program isn't perfect yet. But they are far ahead of us.

They learned about the thing now being debated in this country: about planning, over-all direction of the production program, labor participation.

LEARNED HARD WAY

They learned the hard way after the evacuation at Dunkirk and during months of bombing raids by the Nazis.

Now we're making all the same mistakes, and we'll learn the hard way, too—unless we profit from the experiences of the British.

British war production exceeded ours until July, 1942. Our arms program, launched in the Spring of 1940, took two years to catch up with a much smaller country with only a fraction of our economic resources and plant capacity.

On a relative basis, which takes their friends, will be held from 1 P. M. to 6 P. M. at the company offices, 135 West 29th St.

WAR RELIEF SHOP PARTY

A Christmas party to raise funds for Russian and Chinese war relief will be held Dec. 31 by Sherman Brothers, a fur shop under contract with the Furriers Joint Council.

The party for all employees and their friends, will be held from 1 P. M. to 6 P. M. at the company offices, 135 West 29th St.

MEDICAL PLAN AT LOCAL 107

A low-cost medical plan for members of Local 107, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mills, AFL, has been launched by the union.

The medical services are being made available to the union members through cooperation of the Industrial Department of the International Workers Order.

TEACHERS' LUNCHEON

Dr. Rita Morgan, principal of the Benjamin Franklin Adult School, will be a speaker at a luncheon to be held by the Teachers' Union, Jan. 9, at the Parkside Hotel, 18 Gramercy Park South. The topic of the evening will be "Evening Elementary Schools Contribute to Victory."

UE KEEPS TAB

To keep members informed on the exact status of pending War Labor Board cases, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, has established the practice of publishing a check list weekly in its union organ, the UE News.

The listing shows how many UE cases are pending before the board, what progress they made, and what new cases were certified. Members, by referring to it, can see at a glance what the status of their particular wage application is.

UNION LEADERS LEAVE FOR ARMY

Dave Cohen, one of the editors of New Voices, organ of Warehouse Workers Union, Local 65, has just been inducted into the army and leaves for service Dec. 31.

A farewell party for James Trenz, membership activities director, and William Moran, organizer, of Local 1227, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, was held recently. Both are leaving

Chicago CIO Leaders Assail Union-Licensing Bill

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—A bill to license labor unions proposed by newly elected Republican members of the Massachusetts legislature, was denounced today by leaders of the State's CIO as a "sour note in the symphony of national unity." The bill is sponsored by Clarence A. Barnes of Mansfield and Roger Dennett of Sharon.

President Joseph A. Salerno and secretary J. William Belanger, of the Massachusetts CIO Council declared that the CIO and AFL will work together to defeat this bill.

They said:

LABOR KEEP SPLEDGE

"Strikes to mediate and arbitrate for the duration. Then why interfere with labor cooperation in this fight for democracy against totalitarian aggression?"

This is a war against labor or a war against Hitler?

"All legitimate and bona fide labor unions have been and are giving financial reports to their membership."

"The function of a corporation are entirely different than a labor union. Labor does not hire stooges nor spise to sabotage or undermine the meetings of management, the stockholders or the Board of Directors of a corporation."

"The comparison that reactionaries make between a labor union and a corporation is purely fantastic."

224 Members of WAACs Promoted

(Special to the Daily Worker)

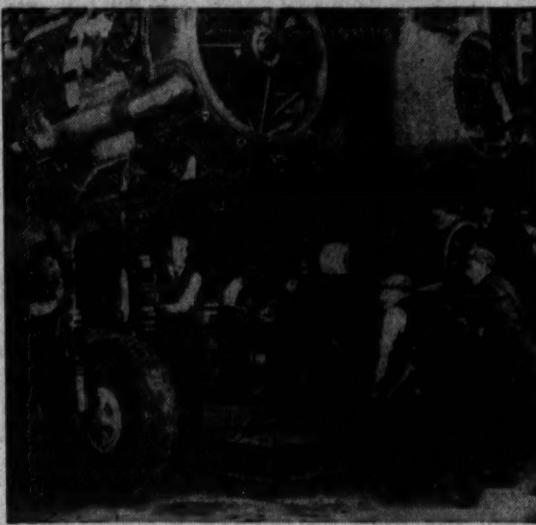
FORT DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 25 (UP)—Christmas presents in the form of silver bars denoting promotions in rank were awarded here Christmas Eve to 224 members of the WAACs.

Twenty of the group moved from third to first officers and traded in single gold bars for double silver ones and rank comparable to that of captain in the men's army.

The other 204 women were given titles of second officer and replaced single gold bars with single silver ones and rank comparable to that of first lieutenant in the army.

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Building the Beaufighter



These workers on the assembly line in an English aircraft factory are shown installing the landing gear on the Beaufighter. The British claim this fighter, particularly effective in night fighting, is the best in the world. Centralized production planning with labor participation has boosted production of these and other British arms to record figures.

Protests Urge Mayor Negotiate With TWU

A deluge of protests and appeals is descending upon the offices of Mayor LaGuardia and the Board of Transportation from numerous organizations demanding that the city negotiate with the Transport Workers Union.

The appeals coming from AFL and CIO unions alike, as from many civic organizations, all stressed the important part the city's transport has in the entire war effort and of the serious consequences to it if operations were disrupted.

URGES SETTLEMENT

Typical of the messages the Mayor will find upon return to City Hall today, is the wire sent by Roy Whitman, president of the large Industrial Insurance Agents Union, Local 20, CIO:

He wired:

"THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE AGENTS UNION, LOCAL 20, JOINS WITH THE MEMBERS OF ALL ORGANIZED LABOR IN URGING YOU TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION, IN A FASHION THAT IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICIES FORMULATED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, ORGANIZED LABOR, LARGE SECTIONS OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND, IN FACT, ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FURTHERING OUR GOVERNMENT'S WAR EFFORT, AND THAT IS BY HAVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT."

"ANY DISRUPTION OF THE TRANSIT FACILITIES OF OUR CITY WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC AND, UNLESS YOU USE YOUR GOOD OFFICE TO SETTLE THIS DISPUTE EQUITABLY, WE WILL LAY AT YOUR DOORSTEP THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SHORTAGE OF LABOR."

"WE ASSAILED CITY STAND"

The transport union's position was greatly bolstered by the searching denunciation of the Mayor and the Board of Transportation in a unanimous decision of the War Labor Board. While declaring that it is legally not able to take jurisdiction in the case, the Board sharply criticized the Mayor and Chairman John H. Delaney for their anti-union attitude and stubborn refusal to provide a collective bargaining agreement.

In the meantime, thousands of transit employees are pondering the problem of switching to jobs in private industries at something better than the substandard wages they are receiving now. An estimate of 2,000 already left the service in recent months and Michael Quill, president of the union, estimates that about 7,000 are on the verge of leaving the service which is already undermanned.

"I THINK MR. MCWILLIAMS' ESTIMATE IS QUITE ACCURATE, AND WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIVE NATURE OF THE SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN AGRICULTURE, I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED, FIRST, BY A DEFINITE SYSTEM OF OCCUPATIONAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ARMED SERVICES FOR PERMANENT SKILLED WORKERS IN AGRICULTURE, STOPPING THE DRAIN OF THE KEY PEOPLE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION INTO THE ARMED SERVICES; SECOND, BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN EXCEPTIONAL LABOR SUPPLY METHODS IN AGRICULTURE, AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ORGANIZATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ITSELF OF A LABOR SERVICE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURE WHICH WOULD NOT FURNISH INDIVIDUAL WORKERS TO INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISES, BUT WOULD BRING LABOR SERVICE OF ORGANIZED LABOR BATTALIONS TO AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES FOR HARVESTING AND MARKETING CROPS AND FOR OTHER TASKS OF A PERIODICAL NATURE. THIS SERVICE WOULD BE PROVIDED TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS, LARGE AND SMALL, UPON A FIXED RATE CHARGE PER UNIT OF THE CROP PER UNIT OF THE PRODUCTION, EQUALIZING THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF THIS SERVICE UPON THE UNIT OF PRODUCTION AND THEREBY EQUALIZING THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE SMALL PRODUCER WITH THE LARGE PRODUCER."

"ANY ATTEMPT TO EVADE THIS NECESSITY FOR A FEDERAL ORGANIZATION OF THIS PORTION OF AGRICULTURAL MANPOWER WILL RESULT IN ITS NOT BEING SOLVED. AS LONG AS THIS QUESTION IS LEFT TO THE INDIVIDUAL HIRING OF INDIVIDUAL WORKERS BY EACH UNIT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, IT IS CLEAR THAT UNDER WARTIME CONDITIONS THERE WILL NOT BE AN ADEQUATE SOLUTION OF THE ACUTE PROBLEM OF MANPOWER THAT IS PRESENTED BY HARVESTING AND MARKETING AT PEAK LABOR PERIODS. IT CANNOT BE DONE BY PERMANENT LABOR FORCES OF THE INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS OR COMMUNITY; AND SUCH FORCES CAN ONLY BE ASSEMBLED IF UNDERTAKEN BY CENTRAL AUTHORITY WITH THE RESOURCES AND POWER TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE; IT CAN ONLY BE BY THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF."

"LABOR'S SIDE OF THE ISSUE"

The conference will discuss the Kilgore-Pepper-Tolan Bills, providing for a unified plan of war production for the first part of January.

Members of local union executive boards, bargaining committees, stewards and labor management committees will be invited. Labor representatives on government agencies will be asked to attend to hear the discussion and proposals.

THEY SETTLED THE ISSUE

An official British publication on industrial mobilization in Great Britain points out that the Ministry of Production developed after the sharp criticism of the lack of coordination and over-all control.

After several intermediary stages, there were set up regional boards representing industry, labor and all the agencies involved in war production. These regional boards dealt locally with questions of war materials, transportation, plant facilities, machine tools and the like.

The main criticism was that they did not possess enough authority to find remedies for these problems; and this was one of the urgent questions which led to the appointment of a Ministry of Production in 1942.

These regional boards coordinate the local activities of all the production agencies. There is thus in England a planned decentralization on a regional basis plus over-all supervision on top. In this country we have achieved as yet neither coordination of production agencies on a local scale nor the over-all supervision from Washington.

In England there has long been a planned allocation of manpower between the armed services and war industry under the Ministry of War and National Service which, incidentally, is headed by a labor leader, Ernest Bevin.

Much closer coordination between manpower and production than is the case here prevails in England. This was achieved through the War Cabinet, of which both Lyttelton and Bevin are members. It is also achieved through a number of committees of the War Cabinet and on a local scale through regional and district boards.

A good deal of the success of the manpower and production programs in England is attributed to British official circles here to the cooperation of labor. How this cooperation finds expression in participation at all levels of the British production program will be seen in the next article in this series in Monday's Daily Worker.

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Georgia Gridders Get Couple of Xmas Gifts

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 25 (UPI).—The Georgia football team received two Christmas presents today. Santa Claus in both cases was Coach Wally Butts.

First, he substituted a single workout daily for the two-a-day drills which have kept the 40-odd man squad busy since its arrival Monday for the Rose Bowl game against UCLA New Year's Day.

Then, grouped around a Christmas tree in the lobby of the Huntington Hotel, gifts which he purchased for the team, its coaches and trainers and their wives, were distributed.

There was a somber note to the proceedings, for Frankie Sinkwich was missing. He was ordered to bed yesterday because of an ankle twisted in practice Wednesday. The Georgia trainers decreed that he would have to keep off his feet for two or three days.

Although he missed the Christmas festivities, Fireball Frankie won't miss the Rose Bowl. Butts said Frankie would take it easy from now on but that he definitely would be ready to start against UCLA in football's world series.

The All-American back didn't particularly welcome the bed edict, for he likes activity. He proved that in 1942 when he played most of the season with a broken jaw. He did all right, too.

"A broken jaw couldn't keep me out and a twisted ankle won't either," Sinkwich said. "I'll be as good as new in a day or two."

Everyone in the Georgia group from Coach Butts down shared Frankie's optimism. Left Tackle Gene Ellenson expressed the sentiment of the players when he said:

"Don't worry, Frankie will be out there if he has to use crutches. He's that kind of a guy."

UCLA scheduled no workout today. Coach Babe Horrell let his men off yesterday. They went through new offensive formations which they had been practicing since they defeated the University of Southern California to win the Rose Bowl assignment. The Bruins will work tomorrow afternoon instead.

... The Roundup ...

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Tommy Hughes, who pitched 400 ball for the Philadelphia Phils during the 1942 season, was inducted into the Army today and will report for active duty at New Cumberland, Pa.

Hughes, a righthander, won 12 and lost 18 last season. He is married.

The combined total of 120 points in Notre Dame's 61 to 59 overtime basketball victory over Wisconsin this week was the largest ever made in a Notre Dame game.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Coach Frank Thomas sent his Alabama gridders up against Boston College's tricky "T" offensive plays for more than an hour today and the two first teams had only mediocre success in repelling the attack.

The scrimmage was the stiffest since Alabama opened practice for its Orange Bowl tilt in Miami.

Dr. Mal Stevens, former head football coach at Yale and New York Universities, was sworn into the U. S. Navy Medical Corps as a lieutenant commander yesterday.

Dr. Stevens took the oath from

Governali in Spotlight Out West

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25 (UPI).—Forty-four of the nation's senior football stars observed Christmas far from their home firesides today and hastened preparations for the annual Shrine East-West benefit game here New Year's Day.

At the University of Santa Clara, Coach Andy Kerr of the east expressed himself as well satisfied with the transfer of his squad's quarters from Berkeley to the Bronco Campus. The East has not won a Shrine game since Jan. 1, 1937, when Ken Sandbach of Princeton kicked a field goal for a 3-0 victory. Kerr, Colgate coach during the regular season, believed the "bright lights" of Berkeley may have had something to do with the poor showing.

This is a perfect spot for our purposes," he said when his 22 players first trotted on the Santa Clara turf without the usual large crowd of curious well-wishers.

The West assembled, as usual, at Stanford and buckled down to their annual task of overcoming the odds which annually favor the Kermens.

Paul Governali of Columbia, described by Kerr as the "best college passer" he ever saw, has grabbed the spotlight in the East's workouts this far. Kerr placed Governali at tailback in a backfield which included Les Horvath of Ohio State at right half, George Cetham of Michigan at quarter and Steve Flippowicz of Fordham at fullback.

The entire squad is in excellent condition with the exception of Max Kleibaum, Duquesne halfback, who has pulled a muscle.

Governali's standout performances in East sessions have been matched at Palo Alto by Bob Kennedy of Washington State who has surprised his own coach, Babe Hollingshead, with his accurate pitching. Kennedy will operate from his usual fullback post with Bob Steuber of Missouri at left half, Willie Zapalac of Texas A. & M. at quarterback and either Frank Porte of California or Tom Robin of Oregon at right half.

The big question mark for the West is California's brilliant but brittle Jim Jurkovich, potentially a great ball carrier. Jurkovich still is favoring a leg injury received against Stanford and was excused from the first scrimmage.

Mehen is one of the three veterans of last year's team, a squad that won twenty out of twenty two games. The others are Captain Paul Herman, a high scoring forward from that athletic metropolis, Massillon, Ohio; and Ted Cook, a guard from Beckley, West Virginia.

Two sophomores, Dick Fromm and Bill Wright, complete the starting five. Fromm is also an Ohioan, from Middletown, where he was an All-State high school player; but Wright is a home town Knoxville product. The team met and passed its first test brilliantly, a 51 to 33 victory over Duke last Saturday night. Last year's top performance was of course of 31 to 33 Sugar Bowl victory over LNU. The records describe Herman as the star but Fromm is supposed to be very flashy. Johnny Mauer, an Illinois alumus is the Tennessee coach.

The rise of Everett Fenstone to prominence as a scorer, has raised hopes high at City College. The slender sophomore played brilliantly against the Oklahoma Aggies and paced the Beavers to their victory over Fort Totten last Saturday. Nat Holman has inserted him into the starting lineup, teamed in all probability with Hal Judenfriend, Joe Lauren, Ring in the NEW YEAR for the VALIANT RED ARMY at a Gala Banquet & Dance AT Temple Auditorium 251 Rochester Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Tended by BROWNSVILLE COMM. RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF INCORPORATED 1729 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 10 Course Dinner Entertainment DANCING ALL NIGHT Subscription \$5 (Dress Optional) Phone or write in for reservations today DI. 2-8220 NA. 8-8847 MU. 6-3203 Thursday, Dec. 31, 1942 NEW YEAR'S EVE RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 25¢ per line (8 words) or 2 lines minimum. DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 4 P.M. Wednesday.

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LOW DOWN -

Averages Support Claim of Ted Williams' Fans for "Most Valuable"

NAT LOW

The official major league averages, which are released

every year at this time to provide sports pages with some

copy during dull seasons often does provide the fan with

many insights into the real abilities of the big league stars.

Now one cannot possibly go by averages alone, be-

cause figures have a way of fading into nothingness on the

field of play, but sometimes they have a way of refuting

some popular conceptions about players which are the re-

sult of the beating of a great number of publicity drums,

Take Joe Gordon, the magnificent second sacker of the once-mighty Bronx Bombers.

He was awarded the most Valuable Player in the

league for last year. For years now the papers, particu-

larly the New York journals, have been boozing the drums

for Joe. . . . Many writers have put him down as their

all time great at the second sack, others talk of him with

adjectives that would make the average guy blush to his

ears.

But in many big league cities the fans have taken ex-

ception with the praise for Gordon, saying that he receives

all that publicity merely because he is a member of the

Yankees. . . . In Boston, for instance, a mild sort of revolu-

tion took place when Gordon was named over Ted Wil-

liams as the Most Valuable.

Now the figures in the official averages show some

very interesting things. For one it clearly reveals that

Williams was by far the greatest slugger in the game—

capturing every single slugging title practically uncon-

tested.

And the same figures show that our Mr. Gordon was

not quite the fairhaired boy he was made out to be. . . .

Let's take a little look. Gordon took the strike out title

for the league, fanning no less than 95 times. He also

had the "distinction" of hitting into more double plays

than anybody in the league—having rapped into no

less than 22 of those rally-ending twin killings.

Of course, these facts shouldn't be taken too seriously

—for Gordon did a lot of other things on that ball field.

As for the strike outs, well Joe is taking a title that in

the past belonged to such "dubs" as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig,

Jimmy Foxx and Joe DiMaggio. It is an axiom of baseball

that sluggers strike out far more often than their weaker

hitting comrades.

But still, when all is said and done, it must be admitted

that a New York star gets far more publicity than the star

of any other team. . . . That's the way the big city is. . . .

It makes good copy to read of the exploits of the

Yankees, but it also slants your objectivity when you are

rating players. . . .

The Most Valuable player in the American League

seems to be Master Teddy Williams of the Boston Red Sox, Joe Gordon, notwithstanding.

Negro Writer on Landis and Jim Crow

Good friend Chappie Gardner, called the Father of

Negro sports and one of the all-time great Negro athletes,

has sent along a column of his in the New Jersey Record,

a rather small weekly. . . .

We pass it along to our readers. . . .

See the daily releases of Judge Landis' latest state-

ment on Negro players entry into organized baseball at

the Chicago baseball official meeting last weekend?

Landis is reported to have answered No, an emphatic No

to our men being admitted to the major leagues. If

Landis did say this, we iterate that he is not a cruel

judge—but a misunderstanding judge. Probably a mis-

guided judge. The commissioner is not keeping pace



Advance Notice

THE anti-labor hatchet men in the coming Congress have already served advance notice to their program. Through the mouth of an unnamed Congressman (and he may be an NAM publicity man for all the difference it makes) they have outlined a series of proposals that just about cover every defeated or shelved anti-labor proposal of past Congress sessions.

Nothing will be overlooked, the unnamed Congressman promised. Strikes are to be outlawed; the wages and hours law is to be revised so as to abolish premium pay; the War Labor Board is to be scrapped and reorganized more to conform to NAM ideas; labor unions are to be more definitely subject to the Sherman anti-trust law; political activities of unions are to be curbed and closed shop or maintenance clause contracts are to be banned.

The war? That's a matter of secondary consideration to the forces sharpening their

stilettos. The NAM's slogan of profits as usual stands above all.

The advance notice of this Congressional program is a warning—a warning that had better be heeded. If labor fails to unite its forces and rally all its united strength, this program may carry. Its weight will fall on the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods, alike. Above all, it will crash like a monkey-wrench into the assembly lines at the very moment when all that American labor and industry can give, is needed by our advancing forces.

The new year must start off as the year of labor united and aroused to a maximum. This is not the time for bickering or disputes of secondary importance. And everything is secondary to the interest of victory. All the strength labor has will be needed to stop this drive of the open shippers and defeatists.

Old Bogey Wearing Thin

THE results of two union elections held in the Pittsburgh area last week carry a lesson that is as vital to all unionists as they are encouraging. The "victory" slates, in their entirety, were victorious at the two giant locals—Local 601, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers at Westinghouse, East Pittsburgh, of 20,000 members, and Local 2, Aluminum Workers of America, at Alcoa's principal plant at New Kensington.

As important as are the size of the locals and the basic nature of the plants, our interest centers in them because of still stronger considerations. The issues in both elections were fought out between the united win-the-war forces and a combination of unionism-usual and defeatist elements.

Elections in Local 601, it will be recalled, often drew interest beyond the Pittsburgh area. Red-baiting bogey is wearing thin. A win-the-war consciousness, and unity for it, is becoming more clearly expressed in the unions of the country.

Security and the Colonies

THERE will be no colonies in the future. And, therefore, realistic and hopeful plans for the future cannot be built now upon the antiquated idea that the world cannot get along without colonies. That essential truth about this people's war and its aftermath is what escaped the editorial writer of the New York Herald Tribune when he jumped to the defense of Lord Cranborne, until a few weeks ago British Colonial Secretary. To the extent that the Tribune (Dec. 23) disassociated itself from the Luce American Century idea that it is America's destiny to take over the British empire, it contributed towards easing relations with Britain.

But when the Tribune ventures to apologize for the history of British imperialism (and inferentially our own) it does so in order to argue against the right of self-determination of the colonial peoples. At this late date, it seems rather silly to find people who still believe that the debacle of Malaya, Burma and the Dutch East Indies can be explained completely by lack of military equipment.

GRESSIVES. A year ago when those disruptors gained a temporary victory, reactionaries gloated and dreamed of spreading their fight in the UE nationally. We know how short-lived their dream was.

Local 2 is the basic affiliate of a union headed by Nicholas Zonarich, Socialist, follower of the defeatist line of Norman Thomas. He had the audacity to oppose the local's decision to expel those who seek draft exemption as conscientious objectors on "political" grounds. The local recognized a right to exemption only on religious grounds. This became one of the principal issues in the election, and all of the followers of Zonarich went down to defeat. The slate for an all-out effort for the war won every office.

Both elections show that the old red-baiting bogey is wearing thin. A win-the-war consciousness, and unity for it, is becoming more clearly expressed in the unions of the country.

And to top this complete lack of realism, the Tribune attempts to cover up its stand against independence by arguing that "one cannot indulge too freely in theories of local independence without running into some pretty thorny questions about parts of the vast Soviet Union."

Those kind of thorns do not grow on the Soviet family tree of nations. If anything, the Soviet experience proves exactly the opposite of what the Tribune is trying to improvise. "Local independence," as the present war on the eastern front shows, is the best guarantee of security, not only among a group of nations but among all the nations of the world.

In the Soviet Union, the full realization of the right of self-determination for all the peoples has proven not only its political and moral worth but its practical value. And the best assurances this nation can have of winning the war and of security after the war is to work consciously and consistently to the end that this right be fully guaranteed to all the peoples of the Far East as well as of Europe.



THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

Davis on Foreign Policy

By Adam Lapin

Daily Worker Washington Bureau December 25, 1942

QUIETLY and without much fanfare, OWI Director Elmer Davis has after his own fashion emerged as an official spokesman for the government on matters of foreign policy.

Davis has begun to comment regularly on international affairs at his weekly press conference. So let's look at what he has been saying.

TWO weeks ago Davis emphasized that this government was restraining from any attacks on Emperor Hirohito in its short wave broadcasts to Japan. He developed in detail the theory that Hirohito is innocent of all blame for the conduct of his government. The Hirohito myth, incidentally, was exploded recently in an article in *Amerasia*.

Then Davis was asked if the same policy applied to the King of Italy, and he said that it did, that the King was never mentioned in our broadcasts to Italy.

Davis said that this country is urging "passive resistance" in Italy but is "not encouraging" revolt. Under passive resistance, Davis included sabotage. So his statement wasn't quite as bad as it sounds. Davis was asked several times to explain his remarks about not encouraging revolution in Italy. He was asked if he simply meant that conditions in Italy were not yet ripe. But he didn't clarify. He simply repeated his previous statements.

A week ago Davis said that "there is no question" that the Yugoslav traitor, Draza Mihailovich, is fighting on the side of the United

Nations. Later State Department spokesmen confirmed that this was an expression of official policy.

This week Davis introduced his discussion of world developments by stating that the war situation "seems to be still in a somewhat static state"—which sounded a little strange because it came as the great Russian offensive was gaining momentum.

Then he went on to say that "one very encouraging sign" was the visit of Franco's foreign minister to Portugal. And the resulting "declaration of solidarity of those two countries in the interest of peace and neutrality."

"Do you take that seriously?" a startled reporter asked. Davis made it plain that he took it very seriously indeed. He emphasized that the Spanish government is quite sincere in its intention of remaining neutral.

And he wound up his discussion of Spain by expressing doubt about reports that Franco's troops are concentrated in the South while leaving his French frontier virtually unguarded.

While Davis was speaking, OWI was receiving the text of official Spanish radio broadcasts giving the United Nations hell, and pledging allegiance to the Axis. And neutral Spanish "volunteers" of the Blue Division were fighting on the Soviet front.

DAVIS can't be blamed for the essential content of these statements. They emanate undoubtedly from the State Department. An official spokesman might, however, be a little more careful in some of his formulations.

Why was Davis picked to make

these statements? Probably because they are considered part of our political warfare, and this is supposedly Davis' field.

Davis doesn't make national policy. But as the head of the government's official information agency he can be blamed for some of the strategy and most of the tactics of our political warfare.

He has apparently never considered that it is part of his job to give the American people a deeper understanding of the four freedoms, or cooperation of the United Nations and the Administration's policies on the home front. All this would be propaganda.

Archibald McLeish, Davis' predecessor, at least attacked the defeatist press. Davis has strayed from this subject.

From the start Davis has emphasized that OWI will give only the facts, that it will be objective. Far more than McLeish, he has exploded from that dread word, propaganda.

Now there is nothing particularly objective or factual about a defense of Mikhalovitch or Franco. When Davis goes in for this kind of thing he is acting as a spokesman for the State Department. But certainly deals with Darlan and Franco don't constitute our whole foreign policy.

Davis, however, makes no attempt to present the broad positive aspects of administration policy which he might probably consider as propaganda. So he becomes in fact not a spokesman for the administration, but an apologist for the weakest and most negative phases of State Department policy. This is hardly effective political warfare.

Victory--and After: Special Kind of Book

By A. A. Heller

VICTORY--AND AFTER is a special kind of book. I've been moved so deeply by reading it that I'm writing this not as a review of the book, but as a call to others to read and study it, to help spread the great and urgent truths which it contains.

Most Americans are beginning to feel the war, each one has a son or brother or friend in the armed forces; yet those of us in the rear go about our affairs pretty much "as usual"; we are still far from being all out. We still worry more, than actually do things; we worry because we are confused, do not see the road ahead clearly.

In **VICTORY--AND AFTER** Browder defines this road ahead, traces each step needed to win the war. Browder has written not just another war book, nor a piece of exhortation or propaganda; he has fashioned an instrument of high precision for the understanding of this war, and for achieving victory. Like a surgeon, he has cut through the mire of disease tissue—prejudice, stupidity, malice—and cleared the road leading to victory. Browder wastes few words of how we got into this predicament, but warns that we must view the situation seriously, that we must strain every muscle, every fiber of our being, to win. If we fail to make this necessary effort, we shall lose.

WHAT DEFEAT WOULD MEAN

For a Hitler victory, or even a negotiated peace, is like unto death. Not just for Jews, or Communists, or particular groups or peoples, but for huge chunks of the world's population on every continent. Already Hitler is exterminating vast numbers of people; if victorious, he will turn those still alive into beasts of burden to serve their masters forever.

America, together with all the other members of the United Nations, must defeat Hitler and his satellites to survive. It must be a complete victory over Nazism and fascism, we can accept no less if we want life and freedom. We can have this victory, in fact we are certain to have it, if we don't misapply our efforts or bungle our chances. This is the central thought of the book: "It is an attempt to find the road to unity of thought and action, on the part of persons, groups, classes and nations who hitherto have been divided and antagonistic, but who must now unite in a life-and-death struggle against a common enemy, on pain of defeat, enslavement and death."

With infinite patience and clear vision, Browder examines every aspect of the situation in America and the world, analyzes conditions in each country, and relations within the United Nations; without fear or favor, but with the one thought in mind—to achieve victory—he unfolds the road we must pursue in order to win, and to make victory secure. The immensity of the task, both in war and in peace, makes it all the more urgent to take the needed steps now, not tomorrow or next year.

ONE AIM—VICTORY

This is what the book is concerned with—victory for the United Nations. It doesn't preach, it avoids speculation—it presents facts; it analyzes these facts and shows where they are likely to lead to. The book is written in the true spirit of Lenin—concerned with a given period in history, and showing how this historical period can be made to serve, in practice, the continuation of the upward advance of mankind. The objective of this historical period is the utter defeat of Hitler and Hirohito, of nazism and fascism in all its manifestations.

While **VICTORY--AND AFTER** covers a vast field—every aspect of the global war—and is the result of meticulous, dispassionate reasoning, it is easy reading. There are sentences in it that sparkle with the dry American wit and humor, with profound common sense, of which Browder is master. Yet it is all so clear and simple—as though the author was directly across the table from you. You can read the book in a day, but you will gain knowledge and understanding which will make you a better fighter in this war, a better worker in the time to come. The book is further enriched by a brilliant introduction by Robert Minor.

Since the war is the concern of all of us; since a clear understanding of what "it is all about" is a prerequisite for a greater war effort on the part of each one of us, and since **VICTORY--AND AFTER** contributes to such understanding, the reading and spreading of this book becomes an "imperative" for everyone.

Science on Parade

Sugar from Sorghum

Among the 50 innovations developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the past year is a new process for obtaining large sugar yields from sorghum.

This is a fodder plant grown widely and readily in this country. To relieve the sugar shortage it is possible for sugar factories to process the sorghum before the sugar-cane harvest, using the same equipment.

The new sugar process was developed by Drs. Venable and Paine of the Agricultural Research Administration.

With the supply of wool available for non-military use decreasing, any process which would reduce the deterioration of wool garments and prolong garment-life would obviously help to reduce production of non-essential articles. Such a process actually exists, and could be put into practice immediately. Some chemists have recently discovered that a simple procedure will so affect the sulfur in wool that the latter begins to approach the consumer's dream. It becomes much more moth-proof, beetle-proof, alkali-proof, bleach-proof, as well as acid-proof. It will also resist the chemicals commonly used in cleaning and dyeing, and will be stained very little by contact with metals. There is every reason to believe that this process is cheap as well as feasible.

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